U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Little Snake Field Office 455 Emerson St Craig, CO 81625

# **DECISION RECORD**

**PROJECT NAME:** Peck Mesa Juniper Reduction

<u>DETERMINATION OF NEPA ADEQUACY NUMBER:</u> DOI-BLM-CO-N010-2014-0062-DNA

### ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Proposed Action was analyzed in DOI-BLM-N010-2014-0039-EA and it was found to have no significant impacts, thus an EIS is not required.

## **DECISION AND RATIONALE**

It is my decision to implement the juniper reduction activities described in the Proposed Action of DOI-BLM-CO-N010-2014-0062-DNA. All applicable design features and mitigation measures specified in DOI-BLM-CO-N010-2014-0062-DNA and DOI-BLM-CO-N010-2014-0039-EA will be followed.

This decision implements actions to maintain and improve greater sage grouse habitat which is a top priority within the BLM and other government agencies who manage sage grouse habitat. The environmental analysis conducted in DOI-BLM-CO-N010-2014-0039-EA is adequate to comply with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.6. This proposed action is a part of the selected alternative in the referenced Environmental Analysis and there are is no new information or significant issues that would invalidate the analysis in DOI-BLM-CO-N010-2014-0039-EA.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS & CONFORMANCE WITH THE LAND USE PLAN**

This decision is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. It is also in conformance with the Little Snake Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan.

#### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

This project was posted on the LSFO's on-line National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) register on 09/29/2014. No comments or inquiries have been received.

#### **MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE**

Compliance monitoring will be done during project implementation to insure that all specifications and mitigation specified in DOI-BLM-CO-N010-2014-0039-EA and DOI-BLM-CO-N010-2014-0062-DNA are followed. If the project is contracted, the contract will include applicable specifications and mitigation. Following implementation, the treatment area will be mapped and filed with the project file. Photo plots will be established and new photos taken each year for the following three years to document vegetation response. This monitoring will

help determine treatment effectiveness and the need for additional mitigation measures or specification changes for future projects.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

Any appeal of this decision must follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 4. Within 30 days of the decision, a Notice of Appeal must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at the Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson St., Craig, CO 81625 with copies sent to the Regional Solicitor, Rocky Mountain Region, 755 Parfet St., Suite 151, Lakewood, CO 80215, and to the Department of the Interior, Board of Land Appeals, 801 North Quincy St., MS300-QC, Arlington, VA, 22203. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals at the above address within 30 days after the Notice of Appeal is filed with the Authorized Officer.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: